Andrew

1306 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Dr Jackson:

Your daughter writes me that you are going to Troy. Of course I do not know whether you are going to speak for the Presbyterial Society - or not. If so I hope you will give them my greetings, and say that as I organized their society - I feel very proud of it. Dr Hamlin expects to go to Troy for a C. E. meeting on the 14th. I wish so much I could go - and the ladies have

a special afternoon meeting, so that I could speak to them - but strange as it may seem I can not afford the expense of going as I can get no special rates on the Cars - I spend so much on incidental expenses - for instance I spent about seven dollars in getting up the meeting last week for the Hall - besides entertaining all of the visiting Brethren &c. I would like to go to Bay some time in the winter when the ladies are all at home -

I remember so well the week

you gave us there, and how I put you through at the rate of three meetings a day! and yet you are alive! Well, God bless you, and may the message you take "stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance".

Very Sincerely
Frances B Hamlin.

What modern novel isn't "trash"?

~~COPY~~.

Extract from the last Will and Testament, dated January 2, 1896, of Mary J. G. Temple, late of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, deceased.

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"15. All the rest and residue of the estate, real personal and mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be justly entitled at the time of my death, I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, with full power and authority to sell and convey, without liability upon the part of any purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money, so much and such parts of my estate as it may seem to them necessary and expedient to convert into money for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this instrument, and each and every of said provisions; in trust, after having satisfied each and every of the several gifts, devises, bequests and provisions herein contained, to pay over all the rest and residue of my said estate and of its proceeds to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, incorporated by the legislature of the State of New York by an act approved April 19, 1872, in trust, out of the same, to erect and maintain, with adequate provision for all the necessary expenses thereof, including the expenses of a suitable pastor, a memorial chapel, to the memory of my father the late William Gunton and of my husband the late Edward Temple; or, if the residue of my said estate shall be adequate to that purpose, then to erect and maintain as aforesaid, including the like provision for expenses and pastors, two memorial chapels, one in memory of my said father and the other in

memory of my said husband -- the said chapels to be established at such points as, in the best judgment and discretion of the said Board, shall give the greatest promise of usefulness and good results. Any excess or surplus of my said estate, after establishing and providing for the said chapel or chapels as aforesaid, the said Board shall be at liberty to use for Home Missions, in such manner as to it shall seem best."

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I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true copy from the original last will and testament of MARY J. G. TEMPLE, deceased, filed, fully proven and admitted to probate and record on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1896, and recorded in Liber "Wills #40, J. N. McG.," folio 105, one of the Records in the Office of the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court Court of the District of Columbia, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business, this 20th day of May, A. D. 1899.

Seal of Supreme Court of District of Columbia.

(Signed) M. J. Griffith,
Acting Register of Wills, D. C.

Haines Mission Alaska Jan 3 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

Dear Doctor

I know you will be pleased to hear that a great revival has reached us and that to all appearances a good work has resulted.

It commenced about Oct. 15 although there has been unabated interest which has gradually increased ever since Miss Willard commenced interpreting about a year and a half ago. But the first signs of an actual revival began about the date

given above. Some three weeks after Rev. T. Crosby came and was detained five days by bad weather and a good deal of that time spent with me talking over matters as I so often wanted you to come and do. I was probably more refreshed as I told Mr Crosby than the people and after he left I entered upon a new stage of my work. I am a different man now, our work is a different work. I guess nearly a hundred people have made more or less of a profession since Oct. 15. I have married nine couples since then who were living the old way and others are at least talking of getting married. I have made peace between two or three couples and reunited them, broken up polygamy in two homes and am at another - hindered one or two marriages between old women and boys.

Checked drunkenness, gambling, Sabbath desecration feasts, tobacco etc etc etc

very much time.
I state these facts to you because you aught to know them and because I want to enlist your sympathy and help if possible in building a couple of chapels the one here to also be used for school house. I think about $1500 each will answer the purpose very nicely and if you know of any who are specially interested in this Mission I hope you will lay these facts before them or give me letters of introduction to them that I may call upon them next summer and present the case in person.
This letter does not exhaust my arguments, it is only a prelude.
What do you think about the Govt. putting up a school house at the Mission village that will comfortably seat about 50

Our work is not dead it is growing. If it ever dies I am going to get out quick and you will know nothing about it until you hear that I have left.

I have not yet received an answer to my questions how children are transported to the Carlyle School - how supported when there. Can you please tell me at once. Do you know of any better way to send children below? Any better school?

Do you believe in sending them below?

We hope to leave here for vacation in April.

If you can not come and give me a visit then do answer my letters.

Yours fraternally

H. H. Kane.

Dec 29 I organized with 25, 21 on profession mostly of one, two or three years standing. I baptized 19 that day including infants.

Each of our school rooms will seat about 40 persons when comfortably filled but at Chilkat our average congregation for the last four or five months has been about 130 at the Mission about 110 and we might have more at each place could they only jam in. Things have gone so far that the people from each village have requested the people from the other to stay away from their meeting and some bad feeling has been created because neither are willing to comply. I have always complained of the crowded condition of our Sabbath meetings but this winter they are worse than heretofore and are likely to continue growing worse unless we

can build a couple of little chapels one at each place. Our day school is also crowded as never before and you may congratulate yourself that more is being accomplished in the intellectual world in here this winter than any two years before, but even there we are hampered badly for room. How can we crowd 50 scholars into a little school room and do them justice? They cannot take writing lessons because we have not got desks and we have no room for the necessary number of desks even if we had them. Some days when a crowd comes many of the children have to sit down the floor. What wonder then that there is more or less complaint and some say there is no use coming to school because they have no seats and the teacher has more than she can do and does not give them

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Seattle, Wash.

Jan. 4, 1896.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

C/o Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter relative to Corrugated Iron Roofing, in which you enclose your check for $350.00. Please accept our thanks for same.

In reply to your inquiry for specifications on this roof, would say that we forwarded the plan as you gave it to us to our Chicago agent, and he secured a bid upon the whole roof in total and the same was billed to us in this way. After paying the freight and adding a commission of 10%, which amount it costs us to do business here, we billed it to you in the same manner at $350.00 for the total amount. If it becomes necessary for you to have the exact amount of squares in above roof, we will write the factory from whom we purchased same and obtain the price per square; or, what possibly would answer your purpose fully as well, if you wish it, we will quote you persquare on Corrugated Iron, both Painted and Galvanized.

We note what you say in regard to reindeer business for next year, and we also have your letter enclosing specifications for next season's supplies at the mission stations. We will give these matters our prompt attention and report very shortly. We thank you for submitting these matters to us, and we trust we will be able to do business with you dur-

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ing the coming year.

Thanking you again, and wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, we are,

Very truly yours,

SEATTLE HARDWARE CO.

By E B Burwell

West Troy, N.Y. January 9th. 1896.

Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D.
Cor. Sec.

My dear Bro.:-

Please accept my hearty thanks for kindness in informing me of the expected presence of Dr. Jackson in this vicinity.

I have written him asking him to address my people, and we shall esteem it a great honor if he can arrange to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Olney.

Pastor Jermain Memorial Church.

(COPY)

Circle City, Alaska.

January 5th, 1896.

Hon. Sheldon Jackson,

Commissioner of Public Education for

The Territory of Alaska.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting held here in this place it was unanimously agreed to petition you to furnish us with "A Public School Teacher."

In justification of such a petition we would say that we are at the present the third town in size and population within the District of Alaska and before another year has passed we will be the Metropolis of the District.

There are quite a number of white children here at the present tine and the number of "Indian" children is large. We feel that the field for public education is a very good one.

To show how earnest we are in this matter we cannot do better than to tell you what has already been done by us in this matter--

A general "Mass Meeting" for "School purposes" was held at which all the "White Ladies" of the town were elected as "School Directors" and the Committee to draft this petition was appointed.-

The Ladies immediately organized and determined to give an entertainment for the benefit of the "School Fund" this they did. Then the "Native Women" not to be outdone also determined to give an entertainment for the same purpose. This was also done with the result that over eleven hundred dollars ($1100) was netter for "School Pupposes."

This is to be used for the purpose of carrying on school for

the next three months and erecting a school house.

School commences to-day with a volunteer lady teacher in charge. She has never had any experience but it is the best we can do.

We are in earnest in this matter and will do everything that we possibly can but we must have the assistance of the government in supplying trained instructors.

We are citizens of the United States and feel that where over six hundred of us are banded together for the purpose of furthering that greatest of all our institutions namely "Our public Schools" that our petitions should not only be heard but heeded.

We will guarantee you that a suitable building will be erected for school purposes in plenty of time for school to commence this fall and we hope that you can guarantee us that a teacher will be here to take charge of the same when it is erected.---

There are ample accommodations here for "Boarding and Lodging" and will cost from $40.00 to $60.00 per month so that you can arrange your salary in accordance therewith.

By heeding and granting this petition you will have placed this entire district under the greatest of obligations to you.

We beg to subscribe ourselves

The Citizens of Circle City

by their Committee---

(signed) George B. Baldwin

Bernard J. McGinnis

J. F. Cryder

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Rev. Wm. C. Roberts, D.D., } Secretaries.
Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D., }
O. D. Eaton, Treasurer.
"156 Fifth Avenue."
Box L, Station D.

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Rev. T. B. Penfield, Young People's Dept.

Dictated.

January 7, 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I enclose check on the Merchants' National Bank of this city to your order for $267.44, the amount appropriated to you for expenses incurred on account of Fannie Willard's treatment, board and traveling expenses in 1894.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

(enclosure)

Answd

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
SALT LAKE CITY.
DR. R. G. McNIECE, PASTOR.
207 E. SECOND SOUTH ST.

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Native Mission,
Jan. 9th 1896.
Juneau, Alaska.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Friend;-
It has been some time since I received your last letter, and I should have answered sooner, but so many duties press, that I neglect some. I'm sorry to say, that We cannot as yet tell when We shall be ready, on account getting Money for expenses, but We thank you just the same for your kindwards to us. God is so blessing my work here, so many of out people given their hearts to Jesus and that makes me so happy to think of them, that they have now find Christ, the one who had done so much for them. Although I'm so suffering in this work since I've came here

Many a times I feel so dis-
Courraged, but blessed Master is
with me, He Knows just what
is best for me. I will tell you
of my whole Condition, the Board
has given me such a hard
times, you Know last year
they not send me any Cent
for nine Months, and now
again since July I'm not
received any Money yet, it is
so hard for me while I'm getting
so little not Enough to support
my Wife, & now I have a little
son to support too, and have to
wait so long if you should
ask Brother Jones, he will
tell you the same thing
about my Condition I find
it is so impossible to live
on this Salary which they
gave me, while I'm work-
ing so hard here, I don't think
this is right, they way the Board

is doing with me they paying
this our ladies helpers at
Fifty dollars $50. a month, and
me $25. a month for acting as
a assistant Supt. and all
the Chyrch work is in my
Hand. if the Board Cannot give
me any more this year, I
know I Cannot standed any
more, I know I shall make
your dear Friends heart sad
to give up this grant work,
last year I was have little
Money to work with to help
myself, but this year I have
to depaint on just what I
getting from the Board, in order
to pay off my bills I must
look after some thing soon
now. pray for me, that God may
open the my way. I'm sure
you can read this to my
Friend, Miss. Rittenhouse.
With Kind regards to you all

May the Lord bless and
Keep you — Good bye
I remain Yours in Christ
Frederick L. Moore,

Alaska
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
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HOTEL MAJESTIC.
CENTRAL PARK WEST
72ND & 71ST STREETS.

J. H. KING.

New York, Jan. 11th. 1896.

My dear Dr. jackson.

Dr. Kerr of Bellvue College, spent the evening with us recently, and during the con versation the Board of Aid for Colleges, was discussed.

If you willnot be here to attend the General Assembly next Spring, can you not talk with some prominent, inflential, man, who will bring the affairs of that Board to discussion, when it seems that the facts and figures will be all that a sensible assemblage willneed, to at least consolidate it with the Board of Aid for ~~colleges~~ Students in Phil, which Dr. Kerr says some went to theAssembly to do last year, but some influence was brought to bear, and they were persuaded not to bring the matter up, because it means positions.

You doubtless know that the expenses of the Board of Aid For Colleges are over $20,000. which is more than one third of its receipts.

Presbyterians are crying "retrench". Isn't this a good place to begin?

Dr. Rankin and Dr. Kerr can give some queer proceedings of the Board ~~if the Board~~, butIdoubt if they would in public, for Dr. Rankin is too loyal to all the Boards possibly (I do not know him at all), and Dr. Kerr is dependent

HOTEL MAJESTIC.

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New York

on the Board for $1200. a year.

Dr. Rankin wished to make Bellevue a gift of $1000. and "loyally" sent it through th Board Of Aid, at the same time writing Dr. Kerr of what he had done. After waiting three weeks Dr. Kerr wrote to know why he did not receive the money, when they replied that they wold send it on receipt of a mortgage. Dr. Kerr wrote to Dr. R. who after a delay of three weeks more and much correspondence, got the check from the Board again and sent it to Dr. Kerr, but it finally got onto the Board's books.

You must know whose hands to place the matter into to have it put through, some one not susceptible to any influence but the right, and the good of the Church.

It is a pity you will not be here.

Very Cordially yours,

Mrs. D. O. Wickham.

Answ'd

Elvin C. Austin

McCormick Theological Seminary,
1060 N. Halsted Street,

Chicago, Jan 14th 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Brother — After some correspondence it seems probable that I may be chosen to go to Hoonah Mission Alaska. I have learned considerable from your "Report on Education in Alaska" 1886 and also "The North Star" 1888–1892 which I found in our library.

I suppose these must be out of date now and have advantage of your consent to be catechised in order that I may gain additional information — At last account Rev. McFarland & wife were located at that point. Has the Mission been abandoned for any period? Do the Hoonahs understand our language or must this language be acquired? I talking with Mr Robertson of our class who thought of going to Unalaska he said that there was no such thing as taking any belongings from here

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Chicago, Alaska 189 and

except wearing apparel and books. We not prices high on most things could one afford to throw away goods, for that is about what it amounts to selling second hand goods. For instance, a light organ about 150 pounds and only in use two years — cost 600 should bring possibly 300! These will probably unimportant and yet they all form a part of the general problem in considering such an unusual "Exodus" in case we should be called to go.

I should infer from last reports seen that we would be the only people on the island aside from natives. So that correct any information you can give as to what will be expected will be very thankfully received.

Yours very sincerely

Alvin C. Austin

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

J. H. Condit, Pastor.

Wapello, Iowa, 1 — 17 — 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Bro:

Some four or five weeks ago I wrote you with respect to mission work in Alaska but as I have received no reply I presume the letter has miscarried.

If there is an opening which we can fill my wife and I are ready to go. We have two small children.

You will probably remember us by your short stay in Wapello when you were here to see our Mr Gambell. Hoping to hear from you I am

Yours Fraternally
J. H. Condit.

Bureau of Education
Alaska Division
Sheldon Jackson D.D.

S. E. WISHARD,
Synodical Missionary for
SYNOD OF UTAH,
WHICH EMBRACES
UTAH, WESTERN WYOMING,
AND IDAHO.

Residence: 1444 24th Street.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

"EVERY PLACE THAT THE SOLE OF YOUR FOOT SHALL TREAD UPON, THAT HAVE I GIVEN UNTO YOU."— Joshua, 13.

"CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE."— Exodus, 3:12.

Caldwell Idaho
(Ogden, Utah) January 21st 1896

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My Dear Brother: The pressure of my work has delayed my answer to your first letter, and I now reply to both communications. I think we could locate Rev. Mr. Currens and his colony in Utah, to good advantage to them and our work. In and I have been impressed with the importance of our undertaking to secure help in some of our fields, by colonization. Bro. Smith at American Fork is expecting to return east in the spring, and we will want to supply his place. A few families located there, or in that vicinity, would find a large mission field.

I will write at once to Mr. Currens, and see what he would think of the proposition. I enclose brother Williams' letter to you.

We are in the midst of a work of grace here.

Yours cordially—
S. E. Wishard.

Rev. Wm. C. Roberts, D.D.
Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D. } Secretaries.
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Mail Address of the Board and its Officers,
Box L, Station O.

Dictated.

January 22, 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Brother:-

Dr. Charles L. Thompson and I will be in Washington by the train that leaves here at 9:30 A.M. to-morrow, the 23rd instant. We would like to see you just as soon as we arrive in Washington if convenient for you. We shall stop at the Arlington. If you can, wont you please meet us there about 4 o'clock on business of importance to you and some others in Washington.

Yours fraternally,

Wm C. Roberts

Alaska

BUREAU OF EDUCATION, U. S.
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722 - C St N.E. Jan. 24, 1896.

Dear Dr Jackson:

Paper received for which I return you my sincere thanks. I shall ever be mindful of this and should I not have opportunity to show some return to you or to yours I can hope that your kindness like 'the actions of the just,' shall 'smell sweet and blossom' — in the future, not necessarily 'in the dust.'

Very sincerely yours

Laura V. McCullough.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

J. H. Condit, Pastor.

Wapello, Iowa, January 25 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Bro:

Your kind letters are at hand. I thank you for your interest in me. Will you allow me to trespass upon your time a little farther.

I have a letter from Mr Boyd touching the subject of our going to Juneau. Will you please write me a little farther as to the disadvantages for my family in Alaska. We are willing to go to Laos had the Board been able to send us and take our children there. Would the disadvantages in Alaska be any greater than in Laos?

So far as health and life risks are concerned I would be willing to take them for myself but not

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J. H. Condit, Pastor.

Wapello, Iowa, ... 189

for my family. We are exceedingly anxious to do what is right and are ready to go wherever the Lord may direct but want to be very sure that we are not making any mistake. I would like to go now to a field where I can feel that a life work is before me.

I will be very grateful for any information in general and concerning Juneau in particular which will be of value to us in making a decision just now as to our duty.

I have written to Dr Wishard but have no reply as yet.

Fraternally Yours,
J. H. Condit.

Seattle Jan 20 1890

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Friend & Brother

I have wanted to write you for some time but have been prevented by many things I am now alone with Fritz and there is a lull, I will say a little attention to my correspondence. Mrs Willard is with Muriel & Ted in New Castle called there on account of Muriel's sickness, she is down with typhoid fever I am going to move into Seattle while they are away and intend make some arrangements so that we can all be together for the coming winter.

I have just received and sent to Mrs. W. a very nice letter from Frances E. Willard in regard to Rindashons Wife the letter will probably be printed in the Union Signal as a copy has been sent to the paper.

Did you get the 40 vols that I left for you at the hotel in Seattle I did not hear from you after words until you sent the check for 20 that you had sold and supposed from that that you got the 40.

I had almost completed arrangements to go into business in Seattle. The Wholesale Commission business: but as times have gotten hard and I can not get hold of enough money I will not be able to do so.

I received a note from Mr Eaton saying that he hoped they would soon be able to advance me some money on account for the Juneau Property if they do I may be able to get into some position where I can at least do a little bit.

I have met many Alaska people and all of them look for bright times this coming summer. We had a pleasant visit from the Howell' Children of Juneau. I met Ak Delany just as he was leaving for Alaska, said he would be in Seattle the last of March if it was possible. The Pacific Coast S.S. Co are actively opposing the Steamer "Willapa" with the Steamer "Alki" the "Willapa" is a good business and will cut down the rates for some time yet.

Did I thank you for the last report in which you have my picture if not please accept this. I know I intended to acknowledge the receipt of it right away and hope I did.

Kotzie is well. and has kept her silver badge all the term

All if they knew I were writing would send kindest regards.

Fraternally

Eugene L Willard

Box 976.

Alaska

BUREAU OF EDUCATION U. S.
JAN 28 '96 1257

HENRY W. BLAIR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jany 27, 1896.

My Dear Sir, —

I learn from Mr. Bruce, that he can not be present at the hearing upon Alaska, representation on Wednesday at 10-30, A.M. — when I am very glad to know that you will be. —

None but citizens of the United States could vote constitutionally & there might serious complications — in debate arise if the question of Indian citizenship were to be agitated & as this —

but a provisional matter & as soon as there is a delegate once on the floor of the House there will be some chance for the people. There it seems to me best now to put the bill just as it is now & depend upon the future if there should be an extension of the suffrage. Those not citizens who can read & write could later on be naturalized by a general statute or upon application perhaps under the general law on dissolution of tribal connection. Let us get the bill about as it is now — It will get us the substantial thing as it is, at least that is my judgment it is important that we be united.

Truly yours,
H. W. Blair.

Rev. Dr Jackson.

The Chairman (House of R.) desired that it be there at 10-30 sharp.

Haines Mission Alaska Jan 31 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Bureau of Education
Washington
D. C.

Dear Doctor

I have sent you through Judge Kelly a new requisition for school stationary which has been made necessary by our loss by fire on Sunday night Jan 19 our Mission Home.

It was a bitter night with a wild wind that one of our small boys thought he would make the fire burn better by clearing the front stoop of ashes which in spite of remonstrance from all the rest of the boys he threw down against the Govt. wood pile which was piled against the house and had a few temporary boards over it. Everything was done that could be but in such a wind I think no human power could have saved us. So far as the mere building is concerned

it was no loss if it was insured for $1500.00 if for $2000.00 and I can get the money to rebuild now I am glad it is gone the Church is only the richer for with present freight rates I can put up a much better building than the one we lost. Aside from the building I estimate the Mission loss at about $500.00 my private loss something more. Misses Shutts and Willard lost every thing except their money and what they had on.

The natives have been quite kind. Nearly all of the Govt. school supplies which we use were burned and our work is badly cramped in consequence. I have had to close school for all outsiders, which is no loss to the Mission scholars, and hold school with such supplies as we have for our own in the dining room of the mansse when we are all huddled like pigs.

The attendance at school from the village has been the largest we

ever had and every thing was in a most prosperous condition.

We are behind a few days of course with our school work but shall make it up in the spring.

I am hoping to get the insurance on the old house rebuilt and in case we do I am going to have a larger and better school room than ever before and I am going to ask you if the board will not kindly supply us with

2 doz double school desks
2 recitation benches
1 Teacher's desk
1 " armchair

and then we shall need a little more black board and a few other items for next Sept. but the supplies I ask for now will largely supply the school for '96 & 97.

I was counting on a vacation this year but that too was burned and now if we go away from Haines this year it will be never to see Alaska again. I shall go back to the dear old Home Land more

more to try the best I guess. I have given up every thing for Illinois and I want to stick to it but I have not the courage to begin all over again in some new field. It is either Illinois or the East.

Our work was and seems to still be in a most prosperous condition. God has poured out rich blessings on us ever since Miss Willard came I can see it and feel it every day Dr.

The dear girl is just a jewell for our work – she is beyond all price.

She is undergoing some bitter persecution just now because she will not marry Mrs Dickenson's worthless son! I speak of this because you may hear the story it has traveled a good ways but I know the girl is all right I have full confidence in her. Mrs Dickenson is trying her best to get me to turn her out and that might give her son a chance. The people are all on our side and I am glad to say that the natives are making things pretty warm for Mrs Dickenson

but the fight is on in good earnest with the chances decidedly in our favor. I think when I down Mrs Dickenson this time it will be about the end of her influence among the Chilkats. I am able to care for my self when I have a reliable interpreter.

I wish you could see what is going on here for I know it would rejoice your heart. Two great changes have come over this work since I came, the first was the arrival of Miss Willard, and just here let me thank you in the heartiest manner I know of for sending her here. The second was the visit of Mr Crosby. God bless the man.

I have had remarkable success in getting this marriage business well under way. I have united nine couples in holy matrimony since last Nov. and have a few more under way. Broken up three polygamous homes, made peace between two separated couples, broke up two or three matches where boys were

about being forced to marry old women and hindered as many sales of young girls to old men and broken up one marriage between a boy and old woman. I have given a hard blow to the potlatch system from which I think it will never recover. I have gotten quite a number to promise to break up their communal house and they are at work in earnest to build small houses with rooms for their own families. We are taking collections to buy a bell for Chilkat - they supply wood for religious services - oil and have bought a $4.50 lamp. There has never been such a quiet happy winter since I have been in the country. These are only a few of the things that have happened this winter. God is richly blessing us Dr. and I have you to thank for my Interpreter. Of course you will hear from New York whether we are to remain or and the supplies will all be conditional on that but I do not see how they can close up the work when so much is left by way of land of great value, improvements, buildings and the work itself in so satisfactory a condition. Yours fraternally H. St. Clare

Chilkat Alaska.

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January 31, 1896.

REV. SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

We have written to Dr. Craig of the McCormick Seminary about the Rev. J. H. Condit of Wapella, Iowa and have offered to him our white work at Juneau thinking him adapted to it, as Mr. Robertson has decided not to go for family reasons. Mr. Condit says that you advised him not to take his family to Alaska. I suppose when you did that you were thinking of some other and more inaccessible field than Juneau. Please write him as to your opinion concerning the healthfulness, etc., of Juneau and advise him to go or not as you think wise.

When Dr. Roberts was in Washington the other day he was to have seen you about the continuance of the mission at Point Barrow, but he had not time to talk with you about it. We find in casting up our accounts that we have received from the Government, Mrs. Shepherd and other sources $15,886.70 and that nothing has been received from Mrs. Shepherd for nearly two years. During the same period we paid out for this mission $17,577.87 nearly $2000. more than we received. You will remember that when the Board undertook the work it

was only on condition that it would be no expense to the Board and would only be continued as long as that was the case. Under these circumstances what would you advise? Think it over carefully and at your leisure, advise us.

Yours very truly,

Rec. Sec.

answer

Will Dr Jackson accept the enclosed check from the Home Missionary Society of Pittsburgh & Allegheny Presbyteries, with the thanks of the Ex. Com.

Very sincerely
Agnes R. Kelly
for
Mrs J. H. Robinson Treas.

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Robert J. Caskey

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., , 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I find I have failed to file the Resolution for the printing the extra Copies of the Reindeer report & I can not find it. Will you draw up another & send me & I will attend to it once

Yours H M Teller

Sitka, Alaska.
Feb. 1896

Dear Dr. Jackson,

I have often thought I would accept your kind invitation to write to you.

Healy enjoyed your letter. He is a bright, good child and is an inspiration to his class.

He is doing excellent work in school I think.

I doubt not you have heard of the interest in spiritual life here.

Many of our boys and girls have reconsecrated themselves they think.

Twenty one of our scholars have united with the ch. I am almost amazed at the Lord's willingness and anxiousness to work through His children.

Were our prayers more united, I doubt not the victories would be greater. What a serious reflection! The feeling, however, is the best I have ever experienced here.

You probably have heard of the trouble between the girls' matron and Supt. — I have been longing to see some business started here that would give employment to our girls and probably boys after they leave the Mission

I have thot of almost every branch of labor and can settle on nothing that looks practical save a glove factory.
From here hides are shipped constantly.
Why cud they not be made into mittens and gloves, even if only working + farmers gloves.
I have not talked it over with any one here.
Nor have I an idea of the capital it would require.
But if a philanthropist would take hold of it, I doubt not the results would be a great moral and soul benefit to the natives as well as furnishing them with employment.

What is your judgment of the scheme, please, would it pay financially?

I doubt not much would depend upon the operator of such an enterprise.

When I entered the work here, I felt the Lord sent me, and am confident that He did.

I longed to get away because my environments hampered me, and I felt no freedom in Christian work.

But these lessons have been useful, and such experiences, altho' they give the heartache, may be used as a means of grace.

My health is good.

Have not been off duty one day when required.

Should the way open for me to go farther West or North I am perfectly willing to go.

I often think of Mr and Mrs Gamble and wonder whether they do not need me as a schoolroom teacher and helper elsewhere as far as able to work outside of school work.

I will leave it all with the Master and then shall make no mistakes.

I am perfectly satisfied here now.

I thought I had had some experience with mingling amongst workers. but the Lord had other kinds for me to learn.

I would profit by all

His lessons.
I am glad you met our Son Forest.
His health has failed so he had to leave the Sem. Was engaged, when able, on a wood pile, or probably some timber, the last letter I had from him.
We cannot see the design, but he thinks he is improving.
I trust we shall have you with us the coming summer.
Please continue to pray for us.
The work is the Lord's, and that accounts for it not being overthrown, by imperfect workmen.
Very truly,
Mrs. E. C. Heizer.

Mr Turner died suddenly
the 20.

Unsw'd

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

J. H. Condit, Pastor.

Wapello, Iowa, February 3d 1896

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 1st inst, was received this morning. Also one from the Board of Home Missions offering to send us to Juneau. We have decided to go and I have so written the Board. It seems to us that God is very clearly indicating that this is a call of duty and we can but respond "Here am I, Send me"

We wish to thank you for your suggestions and for your offer to answer questions and will avail ourselves of this latter as the occasion may demand

If it will not be too

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

J. H. Condit, Pastor.

Wapello, Iowa, ... 189..

much trouble I would like the last report of the Commissioner of Education for Alaska and also any other pamphlets at your disposal which will give information as to the field and work.

Trusting that we may be permitted to do something for the cause of Christ in Juneau I remain

Yours Fraternally,

J. H. Condit.

Feb 3. 1896
New York N.Y.
62 East Sixty-sixth Street.

Dear Dr. Jackson

When I informed Dr. John Hall this afternoon that you were to be here on Feb 23rd, had kindly consented to speak to the 65th St. Mission, he said "Do write to him immediately & ask him to fill my [illegible] that Sunday afternoon". Furthermore we will give out notices for the home church young people

to be present at the mission
on that occasion". Will
you kindly send him
your answer 72 Fifth Ave.
possibly he might like you
to say something about Utah
in your sermon. Our
dinner hour Saturday is
6.30 - I hope you can reach
the house before that time or
as early as you choose in
that time.

Faithfully yours
(Mrs G.P.S.)
Sept. 1. 96 C. W. Slade

Alaska

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54 East 69th Street.

Feb 3

My dear Dr. Jackson

I presume Dr Roberts may have informed you of the change of date - but I am uncertain - so it will do no harm for me to say - We have the President to preside - but in order to secure him have had to change the date to Mar 3rd (Tues). I hope that will be equally satisfactory to

You & that you will
then be on hand to
make the speech of
your life. You will
have one of the
most distinguished
audiences you have
ever faced.
Everything promises
a great national
occasion.

With good wishes
Your friend
Chas L Thompson

1924 N. Broad St.,
Phila., 2. 6. 96.

My dear Dr. Jackson,

We have had the matter of your visit to Phila. before our Ministers Ass^n and the Pres^t, Dr. Hoyt, the Secretary, Dr. Hutton, the chairman of the Business Com., Dr. Mills, & myself, were app^d a Com. to correspond with you & make such arrangements

as will be satisfactory to you. When will it suit you to come? How long can you remain? How many lectures will you deliver, & what will be your themes? How shall we arrange the meetings to raise money, by tickets or by collections, or how?

What expenses do we have to provide for? &c. &c.

If you can reply in time for me to report on Monday morning it will hasten matters to a definite arrangement.

Yours Sincerely,

B. L. Agnew,

Pastor Bethany Ch.

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Dictated. New York, February 6, 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your letter was immediately referred to the leaflet department that you might have the Mormon material that we have at hand. I fear that there is not very much that will be very useful to you. We have just negotiated with Dr. McMillan for another one now in the hands of the printer. He calls it "Mormon 'Articles of Faith' Explained." We propose to circulate it especially among the mountains of the South, where the Mormon missionaries are so actively at work.

I have written again to Mrs. Hodge, and anticipate that you will have heard from her already.

Of course, you will come to see us when you come on for Mrs. Slade's meeting. We wish it were a few days earlier, for we have an Alaskan meeting on the 18th, and it would be delightful if you happened to be there at that time. Mrs. James Moses, who visited the schools last summer, will tell us her impressions of mission work in Alaska, but nobody quite takes the place of Dr. Jackson.

Most cordially yours,

Emeline S. Pierson

(Mrs. F. H.)

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, Feb. 10 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother: Your letter of Jan. 18th just received. Would say that I am much pleased and encouraged to hear that the Board has at last found a man who is willing to come to Juneau. Hope he will not back out.

It is with extreme pleasure that I inform you that my end is not only kept up but that it is — i.e. our work — steadily growing. Since I came here I have baptized 41 adults on profession and 31 children. The Episcopal rector has been here since last summer holding services but from what I have seen we have little to fear from Episcopalianism. A few who are of that grain will of course adhere to it but not a single convert to my knowledge has been made to the

faith. And if the new reader moves along the line of the old one — Rev. Dr. R.S. Nevins, brother to the late John Livingston Nevins, China, — no effort will be made to proselyte the natives.

Hope Bro. Robinson will prove the right man.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Jones and myself, I am,

Very truly yours
L. H. Jones

Answd

Alaska

The Northern Light.

A Quarterly Epitome of Alaska Mission Work.

CLARENCE THWING, M. D., EDITOR.

Twenty Cents a Year; Ten Copies One Dollar.

We have about 60 Tongues folks here now at Shaker's feast. I want to help them. How?

Fort Wrangel, Alaska. Feb. 11 1896

My dear Dr. Jackson

By this mail, I am sending you some sample copies of my little paper, which I hope you can use among friends of our work. You will observe continual reference to the new mission, or school, started at Saxman. I am deeply interested in the development and success of the work there. Can you let me know anything in regard to the prospects of immediate growth there, in respect to new auxiliaries, new workers or new buildings - such as church and missionary's home? We at Wrangel gave $25. two years, or more, ago towards making a mission there, The money is probably still (nominally) in the hands of the Board, and I suppose a great deal more will have to be added before any appropriation can be made which I may report to this church - for their encouragement.

It will encourage me greatly if you can inform me that there is some prospect of a sum being secured sufficient to secure a missionary and a church for the new town.

What is the basis on which this town is to be founded? Are the natives to gather there just as they like without restriction as to their manner of life in the new place? If so, how will it be a model town? I learn some natives have already built and others arranged to build there, but I do not learn that any laws or restrictions have been imposed. Being such a near neighbor, I shall be effected very materially in my work by the beginning made there, and the direction taken at the start. Here I am laboring against great odds because I have to take things as they were before I came, and have no authority to alter or renovate. A new departure in the right direction there would react very helpfully here, and vice versa -

An early reply will greatly oblige -

Cordially yours C. Thwing

...N JACKSON,
General Agent of
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Department of the Interior,

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ALASKA DIVISION,

Saxman Alaska ~~Washington, D. C.,~~ Feb. 11th 1896

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Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter and I am very glad to of you sending such reading papers as you have; I am very found of reading and have read all the books I have had with me. when I would come a cross an interested story I would tell it to Chief Sharkess. 22nd of last month I got on steamer to Wrangel to get married there to Sarah McDonald of Tongass expecting to be there only one day and return on the Willapa which is due here on the 23rd but some how she has gain a day. and passed us befor we got to the expected place. so instead of getting off at Wrangel I stayed on the steamer and when I got to Juneau I went

Rev. L. Jones and married us. There was quite an item in Alaska Searchlight about us. We went right on to Sitka. There I saw my sister and was greatly surprise when she saw me with a wife coming in. She does not know what to say but she find that she was thinked, she said that I shall not take her with me, she ~~with~~ said that she was very glad that she was thinked. so she stayed. There she is liked by all with whom she has met. she is to be here on this boat. I have taken both either rooms as Mr. Young and daughter does not use it. I thought I'll take it and make good use of it if I know that I were to stay next winter. I would make these two rooms look like a home, and not have to feel like been in camp all the time. Chief Shäarkess invited all the Tongass people to a feast and there is but one or two Tongass at Ketchikan, one hasn't move here yet.

SHELDON JACKSON,
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but we hope to see them coming in as soon as there are back from Wrangel. Chief Sharkess is trying his best to get all his people to move here and there are now five houses of Cape Fox people. he is delighted to hear the Gospel in his native language and he is very found of tell it to others what bible store I may tell him.

I have receive the bible which you have send and have given it away to my old friend. and I am very much obliged for it. but the suite of cloth. I haven't got it. never mine now. but I will send you in payment of the bible when I receive another monthly's pay.

I was glad when Mr. Young ordered three cords wood to be cut for the school-house for I was just worked out cutting wood for the school house after school, our school is growing

growing on the time we have received another new scholar to day.
I have made a pretty table to day for me my room and I am now working on it. I have build Chief Sharkey's house for him and it is the best looking among all the rest. I have never build a house before. I got Shields to show me and it surprise me how I work it out. I did it without any coast to him. I worked nearly two weeks at it I hope you send me again some reading papers. I am very much oblige for what you send.
Remember me to your family to give my regards.

I am yours truly
Jimmy Phillips

Answ'd

1328 Connecticut Avenue
Washington D.C.

Feb'y. 1

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

The Russian Minister, Mr. de ~~Kotzebue~~ Kotzebue 1829 L. Street - has been very much interested in your article in the January number of the Geographical Magazine - he is

desirous of learning
more of the Mission
work, and the schools
of North-western Alaska,
and would be greatly
pleased if you could
send him any documents
bearing upon the point,
or if you have leisure,
if you could call per-
sonally upon him.
Pushing this is not asking too much
I am
Yours Very truly
Gardiner G Hubbard

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Madison, Wis., Dec. [illegible], 1[illegible].

[illegible]. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiries concerning the formation of permanent colonies of Lapplanders in Alaska etc., the following may be of service.

I believe some of the Lapps at present in Alaska can be persuaded to renew their contracts for a couple of years, if they are sufficiently and properly urged.

With respect to the possibilities of getting a colony of Lapps to move to Alaska and remain there, I think that can indeed be accomplished, but many difficulties are connected with such an enterprise, especially the transportation of their herds. I do not think however, the attempt can be carried out, before the Lapps now in Alaska, or some of them -- have returned to Lapland with a satisfactory result of their journey and also with a satisfactory account of Alaska and its future as a reindeer country. The Laplanders are cautious people and will not easily be persuaded to a new and unattempted enterprise unless they are thoroughly convinced that the result will be in their favor.

The question of the transportation of the Laplanders has for many years been of interest to me, as I have seen that it is only

a matter of time when the Lapps will be compelled to migrate on account of the increase in population and decrease in pastures for reindeer. This fact has not escaped their notice, and the most prominent among them have made several investigations concerning the most appropriate place to migrate to. If simple calculation is to be taken into account, America may become the future home of the Laplanders as well as all other Europeans. With a conclusion I finish in the following manner. The Lapps have tried to move to the mountains of Southern Norway and Sweden, but only a limited number can there find pasture for their herds, as all the valleys are occupied by peasants who use the land for agricultural purposes and are greatly opposed to the coming of the Lapps; the farmers have already given many complaints concerning the destruction of their fields and meadows by the reindeer. To Russia the Laplanders can and will not go. Southern Europe is not favorable for the production of reindeer. Iceland and Greenland could probably receive some, but the possibility to defray more than the necessary expenses is very slight, as there is hardly a market for their produce. The American Continent alone remains. The U. S. have Alaska, and Canada has its whole northern extent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, to offer. When the present conditions of these two areas of land are compared, the conclusion is involuntarily reached that the northern parts of Canada must, at present, be preferred as the future home for the Lapps. The reason of this is that from the

northern parts of Canada a market for the produce can be more easily reached than from Alaska, where no neighboring market can at present be reached, and there is no home market either.

The Laps are a civilized people, and as such will try to find a new home where they may earn more than a bare livelihood; besides they are quite avaricious. This desire for wealth will attract them to Canada provided some of them come to northern Canada and could see the vast area of, for them, favorable land, where now thousands of wild reindeer are grazing.

Permit me here to state my private opinions concerning the production of reindeer and Emigration of Laplanders. If I see no way to accomplish anything in Alaska in a near future, in one way or another I have made the following plan for a Canadian Colony of Laplanders.

I will, with the Canadian Govt. permission go and investigate the country and pastures in Northern Canada, and if found satisfactory I will obtain the support and necessary backing up, either of the Govt. or private parties, then I will go to Lapland, form a colony of good, capable participants, transport the colony with some reindeer to Canada, plant the colony on a predestined place, capture as many wild reindeer as possible; take them in to the herd and tame them, and in this manner in a few years, produce many herds. As soon as the size of the herds permit, the sale of meat etc. begins, by driving a herd for slaughter to the nearest R. R.

connection, have the animals are slaughtered and shipped to the large cities of Canada and United States. According to low calculation, money invested in such enterprise would yield five hundred per cent in eight years. I shall not here give a closer calculation, as it would be of no consequence to you, while the above private plan possibly might suggest to you a useful idea.

With regard to your plan of inducing the Laplanders to take a permanent abode in Alaska and what the Government should be in order to further such a colonization, I take the liberty to present the following proposition: Send the most intelligent of the Laps at present in Alaska with a sensible, male white man as their leader to investigate the southern tracts of Alaska; that means the [illegible]. Michael and Cooks Inlet, [illegible] in view of finding a place suitable for a Lapsgaiony, with respect to situation, pasture etc. On the named stretch of land the Laplanders would doubtless find a more agreeable climate and conditions, together with the prospect of earning money by sale of products as well as the opportunity to earn extra money by fishing etc. After the Laps have found a suitable place, let them return to Lapland accompanied by a man who has full power to act as and when he sees fit. After such returning Laps have told their people what they may expect by migrating to Alaska, and after the matter has been sufficiently considered it will be no easy matter for the agent to gather his colony. The above proposition can easily be carried out

incurring further expense, as the Laps who are to return in 1897 can be used as an investigation committee.

There are now in Alaska some of the most popular people of Lapland, and the opinion expressed by them upon their return to Lapland will be the first, last and only metre by which all Laplanders will build their future on as far as Alaska is concerned. If the Laps are kept at those northern stations in Alaska until the expiration of their contracts, and sent directly home, I am convinced of the fact that all prospects for the formation of Laplander colonies in Alaska will be in vain, except started anew by hired people.

I shall not here express the minor reasons which lead me to such a conviction, and they would, besides be of no consequence to the matter in hand. I wish to say, however that the stretches of land north of Norton Sound will not be settled by Laplanders before some colonies further south have succeeded, developed and send their descendants there.

With respect to the transportation of reindeer from Lapland, I think it possible that whole herds can be brought over, but it would be an expensive matter. The reindeer can be driven from Lapland to Trondhjem, then by rail to Christiania, then by steamer to New York or Quebec, then by rail again to Vancouver, so by steamer across to Cooks Inlet, from which place they can be driven anywhere. The trip from Trondhjem, across to Cooks Inlet will take from twen-

five to thirty days; which the deer will endure all right. Another way is to take them by steamer direct from near North Cape, Norway to New York or other place on the east coast, and in so doing the whole trip from Lapland to Alaska would require only about twenty days. In my opinion this is the only route over which the animals can be transported.

If sufficient reindeer could be bought in Siberia, I think it would be a better plan to let the participants of the colony sell their herds in Lapland, take the money along and buy deer in Alaska, but in such case the Government must agree to sell a certain number of deer at a stated rate to the colonists on or after their arrival in Alaska. The Government could while the transaction, formation and transportation of the colony took place, secure the necessary reindeer in Siberia and have the deer brought as Nastalik on St. Michael, whence they could be driven to their destination.

As the number of miners, traders and other civilized people coming to Alaska is constantly increasing every year, the means of transportation will necessarily have to be increased, and the Laps will thereby be enabled to earn some, besides their herd.

It will be necessary, doubtless, in the near future, that the Government establish a postal communication with, and in Alaska. In that country the mail must be carried overland the greater part of the year, and the reindeer are the most, if not the only--suitable animal for mail transport. If the selection of a place for a

Colony and the transportation of the mail were considered with respect to one another the colonists might be employed as mails carriers within a certain district.

All possible measures must be taken to secure for the colonist as much extra earnings as possible, in order that they may not be compelled to depend on their herds for the necessaries for the first years.

It is my opinion, that you should not let the Lapsi at present in the country, depart before they are favorably inclined to colonization. At present such a favorable inclination does not exist. It can however be secured by showing the best of Alaska to them. The principal cause of the Laplanders' [illegible] the present regime I have already touched upon in my report.

It is not easy beforehand to state how many Laplanders could be obtained, or induced to settle in Alaska; but quite a number could be secured, if there was something definite to offer them in the future time. The first colony should consist of about fifteen families together with some peaks in all about fifty persons. A school must be established and other socially binding institutions. The colony must be formed with the greatest prudence and foresight, that there may be no opposing powers within the colony, which often is found among the Laplanders.

A skillful choice of participants will in a great measure determine the success of the colony. If the first colony proves a

success for the participants there will soon be a general immigration.

The price of reindeer in Norway and Sweden varies as much as the price of cattle in this country; the average price of a live deer is about fifteen kroner--$4.00. If a larger quantity had to be purchased, the price might be lowered to ten kroner or about $3.00 per head.

Twelve years ago two-thirds the first immigrants from Iceland arrived in Winnipeg. There are now upwards of 5,000 people in Manitoba.

A great deal more might be said, but I think this above will give you an insight into my view of the matter, and I would be glad if my ideas would prove acceptable.

In the southern part of Norway there is a hardy, practical, energetic breed of the Lapps, or more correctly speaking, bastards between Norwegians and Lapps; these people I consider best suited to become the pioneers of Alaska.

If desirable, I would gladly explain myself more in detail as to the propriety or means of making the Lapps favorable to immigration.

Yours Respectfully,

(signed) Wm. A. Kjellmann.

Lappe Colonies

Wm A. Kjellmann

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb. 13, 186.

The Commissioner of Education,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that in response to your communication of the 5th instant, the name of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Gen. Ag't for Education for Alaska, has been placed upon the mailing list of this Department to receive a complete set of the reports of the Eleventh Census, and that such of these reports as have already been published, have been forwarded to his address, with information that they are furnished upon your request.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Sims

First Assistant Secretary.

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February 20, 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your letter of the 19th inst., in reference to your arrangements for freights to our Mission Stations in Behring Sea, has been received and carefully read. Last summer Mr. Stevenson wrote me in reference to the permanency of the station at Point Bafrow. On the 26th of November last I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to the subject, (a copy of that letter I herewith enclose) but I have never received a reply or any acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter. May I ask you to make inquiries in reference to the subject matter of my letter and write me at once. I am a little urgent about the matter as the Board has given me a leave of absence of six months and I expect to leave for the Mediterranean on the 29th of this month.

Awaiting your reply and thanking you in advance for the expected favor, I remain,

Yours truly,

O. D. Eaton
Treasurer.

(enclosure)

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HENRY W. BLAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 20 1896,

My Dear Doctor Jackson,

As I felt that some one had made a mistake in regard to Mr. Howell not being favorable to missionary work in Alaska, I wrote to him that I heard some criticism of his expressions in regard to it, but without any intimation of the source of my information. Enclosed is his reply copied from his original letter. — Mr. Howell is a grand son of Col. Howell of the Revolutionary war, a wealthy resident of Portland Maine who gave $50,000; the bulk of his fortune with which he raised & equipped a whole

regiment for service in the war for Independence, I made no allusion to any one by name in my letter to him so that his allusions to you & to Mr. Duncan, whose name is new to me, are wholly without reference to & fact upon any one.

I am doing the best I can with the bill and hope for success in the end. Your statement to the Committee had very great weight and I think if we ever get a delegate actually here a great deal will hereafter be accomplished for the Territory. I find now some fifteen or sixteen very important different bills pending, no one of them

making any progress, and some of them have been lingering for years already. Some man on the Committee and on the floor all the time is indispensible. I have had to do an amount of labor & running about which is almost incredible on this one bill and to disadvantage because not on the Committee nor in the House all the time. I fear that some little thing will get in the way & defeat all yet. I make no point at all as to who shall be the Delegate. I do not think anyone is at all sure who will be selected if we get the law, but some one will be

HENRY W. BLAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Referring to the matter of my being hostile to the missionary work, I will say that I dont suppose there is a man in Boston that has been instrumental in placeing in the hands of Mr. Duncan more money than I have. I have questioned some of the operations of some of the missionaries in Alaska but I am in sympathy with good, honest, sincere work. I believe in doing every thing possible to improve the condition of the young of the Indian race, or any other race.

I dont allow myself to be prejudiced against any man,

black, or white, red or yellow, who has any degree of intelligence and where there is a possibility of improving his condition, and if anyone says that I am hostile to the missionary work of Alaska, you can simply say to them that they dont know what they are talking about. I have simply criticised the methods of some of the irresponsible men who have been sent to Alaska as missionaries.
I think that Dr. Jackson has done a splendid work in the Territory, also Mr. Duncan, and the more we have of that kind of work the better it will be for the country and I am most happy to place myself on record in that respect,

REV. WM. C. ROBERTS, D.D. } SECRETARIES.
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Mail Address of the Board and its Officers,
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DICTATED.

November 26, 1895.

The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

As you are doubtless aware, the Board of Home Missions has a station at Point Barrow, Alaska. Our missionary writes us, under date of September 9th, that the Pacific Steam Whaling Company will cease to operate their business there after this year, and will also abandon their station at Herschel Island. Our missionary seems to think, as a natural result of these changes, the U. S. Refuge Station at Point Barrow will also be abandoned. In that case, the question will naturally arise, if we keep our missionary at that place, how is he to be supplied with food, fuel and other necessaries of life? Will you kindly advise me what is the purpose of the U. S. Government as regards the maintenance of the Refuge Station at this northern point?

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

Oberlande,
Summit, N.J.

Dear Charlie

How strange to address a Rev^d in this familiar way: but I cannot do other wise. Harry tells me that Revd Sheldon Jackson is to preach in your Church on Sabbath. We have been trying for two weeks to reach him as our Ladies Miss Society

are anxious to secure
his services for an
evening meeting an
anniversary of our
society. It comes in
March but if he cannot
come in that month
will postpone our
meeting until April.
Will be glad to hear
from him as soon as
possible. One of our
ladies will be in at
156 Fifth Ave on Monday

(Mrs Geo Hodenpeyl)
Perhaps he too will be
there when they can
meet. At all events he
can send me word
by mail. I had intended
writing you separate
letters but have said
all in one. Why don't
you run out to see
us. You may be sure
of a welcome.

Yours affectionately
& Sincerely
E. C. Grant

Mrs. C. H. Grant
Summit
New Jersey.

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Woman's Home Missionary Societies

OF THE

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MISS M. E. BOYER, GENERAL SECRETARY, ROOM 28, 1334 CHESTNUT ST

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb 22nd 1896

Dear Doctor

The Religious papers have been giving the clergymen here, a severe lashing for being so behind with their collections. They are a good deal mortified, and are now in a great hurry to redeem themselves.

Dr. Agnew has been [illegible] for one meeting in charge and was provoked at the [illegible]

mittee's willingness to put
it off. They were so afraid
of another collection. They
have not done their duty
in regard to the Fund.
But the Doctor will carry
it through although
the date may have to be
put off until April.
I will give him your
letter of this morning. It
will all come out right.

Very cordially
Jas L. Hodge

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, 2/24 1896.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:-

Your communication relative to Robinson's withdrawal just received. Have received (this mail) a letter from the Rev. Condit of Iowa, who informs me that he has been appointed to take charge of the Juneau White Church by the Board and that he intends to come out in April. So we are very much encouraged. I write him this mail information about coming and what to bring which I trust will prove both useful and saving to him. I feel very grateful to you for your kind efforts in this direction. With very kindest regards from Mrs. Jones & myself, I am. Very truly yours

THE PEOPLE IN MASS MEETING

AT

CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL,

Tuesday Evening, March 3d, 1896,

In the Interest of the Work of **HOME MISSIONS** Under the Auspices of the Presbytery of New York.

To Preside—The President of the United States,
Hon. GROVER CLEVELAND.

Speakers— Rev. T. DeWITT TALMAGE, D.D.
Rev. SHELDON JACKSON, D.D.
Hon. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Office of Chairman of Committee of Arrangements,
203 BROADWAY.

New York, February 24, *1896.*

REV. SHELDON JACKSON, D. D.,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In order that we may have the full report of the meeting on Tuesday night, it is necessary that we should be able to give the manuscript to the newspapers earlier than Tuesday night after the meeting. Will you therefore, if convenient, send me your manuscript so that I can have it by Monday morning?

Yours fraternally,

Chas L Thompson

Chairman H. M. Committee.

Dear Dr = I hope you will occupy just 30 minutes in your address. I will try to arrange your entertainment at the Plaza Hotel, ~~unless you~~ advise me of the train you will come on & carriage will meet you. Yours C L T

4 East 37th St. N.Y.
Feb 24th 1896

Dear Dr. Jackson

When you return to New York will you not come and stay with us, Dr. & Mrs. Buckley, 4. East. 37th St.

We expect to have the pleasure of hearing you repeat at Carnegie Hall

Tuesday evening
& I should be so
glad to have
you spend a
few days with
us.

The Woman's
Home Missionary
Society of Brick
church, cor of 5th, Ave
& 37th St. will
hold a regular
meeting on

Tuesday morning March 3rd
at eleven o'clock. Could
you possibly go over for
a little while & talk to us
either about the Mormons
or the Alaskans." & am
going to ask you to telegraph
to me (at my expense) at your
earliest convenience, & let me

know whether we may expect
you, also which topic you will
choose. As I am President of the
Society I must be ready for the
meeting & if you are to be there I
want to send a notice of it on
Thursday of this week to the pub-
lisher of our church Announcements.
I need not tell you how glad
I shall be if you can arrange
to be with us Tuesday morning
Hoping for a favorable despatch
Yours truly
(Mrs L. D.) Kate L. Bulkley

4 East 37th St. N.Y.
Feb. 24/96

Answ'd

SHELDON JACKSON,
General Agent of
Education in Alaska.

Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Education,

ALASKA DIVISION,

"City of Topeka," Alaska February 26th, 1896

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir, —

I have just been to Sitka to visit the schools and will report by next steamer.

Per this mail I forward my resignation to the President. The Governor has recommended, at the request of his son, some man of Portland, Oregon. He assures me that he is a good moral man, with a family.

The Governor's attitude and that of all the democratic officials has changed since the republican victories last fall.

Evidently they see the hand writing on the wall. We are always ready for a change of officials here when the opportunity comes.

I still think I will succeed in being a representative to the National Republican Convention.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Hamilton and to Miss Bingley, Yours Obedient Servant,

W. A. Kelly

answ'd

1328 Connecticut Avenue
Washington D.C.

Feby 26/96

Dear Mr Sheldon Jackson

I am in receipt of a request from the Minister of Sweden & Norway, saying that the United States will distribute drawings - representing the André Balloon, among the inhabitants of Alaska, and requesting us to prepare "explanations, to be

printed in the language which is best understood by the tribes of Alaska".

Will it be convenient for you to translate such explanations into this language? If you cannot do it, will you kindly tell me how it can be done.

Yours
very truly

Gardiner G. Hubbard

712 Fifth Ave New York
Feb 28. 1896

$5. for Salt Lake Teachers.

Dear Mr. Slade —
Will you kindly
forward the enclosed
to Rev. S. Jackson. A
lady put it into my
hands for my misdaced
to give him, but he
does not know his address
I fancy there is money
in it, if so, it would

Not do to send it by
Post. I am dear
Mrs Slade Yours
Very Sincerely
Emily Hall

Feby 28th 1896
Friday

New York N.Y.

126 E 39th St.
Feb 29. 96

Dear Cousin Libby

I have seen the "powers that be" and the Rev Sheldon Jackson will be most welcome at the Wed. evening meeting of the Brick Ch.

Indeed he is already on the printed announcements (the in the papers tomorrow) as the speaker on that evening, at our service - on Alaska.)

So you see I have

taken you at your word — and we depend upon him for Wed. evening March 4th — at the Brick Church Lecture Room.

Will you see that he keeps the engagement!

I think you ever so much for this kindness — it will be delightful to hear him —

Have you seen the Outlook this week on Salvation Army affairs.

I imagine its views are the same as yours.

What a pity that the most helpful of organizations should be come to grief!

I want to hear you tell of what you know of the matter

Very gratefully yours

J. Cleveland Cady

Dear Dr. Jackson -
Do try & speak at Dr.
Van Dykes church. You will
see from Inclosed that my
Cousin Mr J C Cady depends
upon you for that evening
Wed March 4th 8. P. M.
Can you not spend that
night with me & call upon
Mrs Alexander - Mrs Sloane
Mrs J. S. Kennedy
& others that day? It is at
another Cousin of mine
Mrs L. D. Buchleys that
you are to visit. She is
Pres of Womans Home Miss Soc
of that church. But stay
speak to the men Wednesday
evening March 4th also
Cordially C W Slade

I would you another note this A.M. with money Inclosed from Mrs Tate

Inclosed Mrs Booths letter of Salvation Army
Direct your reply to Mr J. C. Cady 126 East 39 St.

C O P Y.

A TELEGRAM SENT BY HON. JOHN W. NOBLE TO THE
HON. LYMAN E. KNAPP, GOVERNOR OF THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D.C., 1896.

By direction of the President I have to request that no licenses for sale of liquors be issued in Territory of Alaska, and that any action favoring such issue you will please explain to this Department without delay.

(signed) John W. Noble.

Place this letter at Close of Feb letters